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# Mershon Memo

A newsletter of the Mershon Center for International Security Studies

## Mershon offers research grants

Each year the Mershon Center for International Security Studies holds a competition for Ohio State faculty and students to apply for grants to support research in international security.

Grants may be used for a variety of purposes including travel, seminars, conferences, interviews, experiments, surveys, workshops, library costs, student assistants, and more.

Applications must be for projects that relate to one or more of the Mershon Center's three areas of focus: the use of force and diplomacy; the ideas, identities and decisional processes that affect security; and the institutions that manage violent conflict.

Junior faculty and graduate students are especially encouraged to apply. For more information, including application forms and instructions, please see the Grants section of the Mershon Center web site.

The deadline is **January 30, 2009**.



Kennedy Waliaula (left), doctoral student in Comparative Studies, talks with Alice Conklin (center), Associate Professor of History, and Caroline Elkins, Hugo K. Foster Associate Professor of African Studies at Harvard University. Elkins spoke at the Mershon Center in November about her Pulitzer Prize-winning book on the Mau Mau uprising and Britain's policy of interning 1.5 million people in detention camps in Kenya from 1952 to 1960.

## Mershon Center hosts 4 visitors from East Asian Studies, beyond

The Mershon Center is pleased to welcome four visiting scholars. **Holger Nehring**, who teaches European History at the University of Sheffield, will arrive in January. His research examines the impact of social movements on symbolic politics in East and West Germany during the Cold War era.

Nehring will work with Bob McMahon on "The Last Battle of the Cold War: Peace Movements, German Politics and the End of the Cold War." He will speak at the Mershon Center on

Wednesday, March 4.

**Lieutenant General Mohd Aminul Karim** is

Commandant at the National

Defense College in Dhaka, Bangladesh. This winter, he will study security issues in South Asia, including

the roles China and India play in Bangladeshi national security. He will speak on Friday, January 16.

Since autumn, the East Asian Studies Center has sponsored two visitors at Mershon. **Elana Chipman** was a postdoctoral fellow

at the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies at Harvard University. Her research investigates the Chinese

ritual of burning paper spirit-money, and how modern practitioners attempt to minimize the ecological costs of this custom.

**Mulati Heiniyati**

studies Christians and other religious minority groups in China, including the Islamic Kazakh minority. His work focuses on conflicts between Muslims and Christians in Western China stemming from Christian involvement in minority education.



Nehring



Karim

# Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JANUARY</b> 4	5 <i>Winter classes begin</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 <i>Noon</i> Mershon 120 Jonathan Winkler	16 <i>Noon</i> Mershon 120 Lt. Gen. Mohd Aminul Karim	17
18	19 <i>Martin Luther King Holiday</i>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 <i>Noon</i> Mershon 120 Thomas Christensen	29	30 <i>3:30 p.m.</i> Mershon 120 Torben Iversen	31
<b>FEBRUARY</b> 1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Noon</i> Mershon 120 John Bowen	7
8	9 <i>Noon</i> Mershon 120 Miles Hewstone	10	11 <i>Noon</i> Mershon 120 Joseph Nye	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Noon</i> Mershon 120 Daniel Hellinger	17	18 <i>Noon</i> Mershon 120 Williamson Murray	19	20 <i>Noon, Moritz College of Law</i> U.S.-Muslim Engagement Project	21
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<b>MARCH</b> 1	2	3	4 <i>Noon</i> Mershon 120 Holger Nehring	5	6 <i>3:30 p.m.</i> Mershon 120 Jeffry Frieden	7
8	9	10 <i>Noon</i> Mershon 120 Thomas Walker	11a	12	13 <i>3:30 p.m.</i> Mershon 120 Hendrik Spruyt	14

For more information and to reserve your spot, please visit the Mershon Center web site at [mershoncenter.osu.edu](http://mershoncenter.osu.edu)



Winkler

Thursday, January 15, 2009

**Jonathan Winkler**

**Assistant Professor of History  
Wright State University**

*"An Emerging Approach in International History:  
Information Technology, Strategy and Diplomacy"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Hellinger

Monday, February 16, 2009

**Daniel Hellinger**

**Professor of Political Science, Webster University**

*"How Red is the Pink Tide in Hugo Chávez's Venezuela?"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Karim

Friday, January 16, 2009

**Lt. Gen. Mohd Aminul Karim**

**Commandant, National Defense College,  
Bangladesh**

*"Security in South Asia After the Mumbai Terror  
Attacks"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Murray

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

**Williamson Murray**

**Professor of Political Science**

**University of Massachusetts-Amherst**

*"A Historian Looks at the Future Environment"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Christensen

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

**Thomas Christensen**

**Professor of Politics and International Affairs  
Princeton University**

*"Crafting a China Strategy: Some Recent Lessons  
for the New Administration"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Mogahed

Friday, February 20, 2009

**Thomas Dine and Dalia Mogahed**

**U.S.-Muslim Engagement Project**

*"Changing Course: A New Direction for U.S. Relations  
with the Muslim World"*

Noon, Saxbe Auditorium, Moritz College of Law



Iversen

Friday, January 30, 2009

**Torben Iversen**

**Harold Hinchings Burbank Professor of Political  
Economy, Harvard University**

*"A Political-Institutional Model of Real Exchange Rates,  
Competitiveness, and Division of Labor"*

3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120



Nehring

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

**Holger Nehring**

**Visiting Scholar**

**Mershon Center for International Security Studies**

*"A Peaceful Europe? European Exceptionalism  
in the 20th Century"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Bowen

Friday, February 6, 2009

**John Bowen**

**Dunbar-Van Cleve Professor in Arts and Sciences  
Washington University in St. Louis**

*"Can Islam be French? Pluralism and Pragmatism in a  
Secularist State"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Frieden

Friday, March 6, 2009

**Jeffrey Frieden**

**Professor of International Peace  
Harvard University**

*"The Political Economy of Exchange Rate Regimes  
in Transition Economies"*

3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120



Hewstone

Monday, February 9, 2008

**Miles Hewstone**

**Director, Centre for the Study of Intergroup  
Conflict, Oxford University**

*"Living Apart Together: Segregation vs. Mixing as  
Sources of or Solutions for Intergroup Conflict"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Walker

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

**Thomas Walker**

**Director Emeritus of Latin American Studies,  
Ohio University**

*"Electoral Observation: A Tool for Democratization  
and Peace in Latin America"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Nye

Joseph J. Kruzel Memorial Lecture

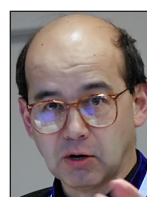
Wednesday, February 11, 2009

**Joseph Nye**

**Sultan of Oman Professor of International  
Relations, Harvard University**

*"The Powers to Lead"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Spruyt

Friday, March 13, 2009

**Hendrik Spruyt**

**Norman Dwight Harris Professor of International  
Relations, Northwestern University**

*"Contracting States: Incomplete Contracts  
in International Relations"*

3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120





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## Nye to give Kruzel Lecture on 'Powers to Lead'

Each year the Mershon Center selects one lecture in honor of Joseph J. Kruzel, an Ohio State faculty member in political science who was killed in Bosnia in 1995 while serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO Affairs.

This year's Kruzel Memorial Lecture will be given Wednesday, February 11, by **Joseph Nye**, Sultan of Oman Professor of International Relations and former Dean of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

The event is free, but seating is limited and registration is required through the Mershon Center web site.

Nye will speak on his most recent book, *The Powers to Lead* (Oxford University Press, 2008).

In this book, Nye discusses the nature of leadership and how it has been transformed by the information revolution. He also explores his theory of soft power, a leadership approach that seeks to attract, inspire, and persuade rather than dictate.

Nye has served as Deputy to the Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology; chairman of the National Intelligence Council, which coordinates intelligence estimates for the president; and Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

Past Kruzel lectures have been given by Strobe Talbott, President of the Brookings Institution, and former Secretary of Defense William Perry.



Nye

## Project seeks to improve U.S.-Muslim relations

How can the United States improve relations with key Muslim nations?

Two years ago, a group of American leaders launched the U.S.-Muslim Engagement Project to answer this question.

Members included former state department officials, members of Congress, ambassadors, military officials, and foreign policy experts.

The group is now launching its report "Changing Course: A New Direction for U.S. Relations with the Muslim World," which examines U.S. relations with Muslim countries, obstacles to improving relations, and how these obstacles can be overcome.

Two members will discuss the report in February at

an event sponsored by the Mershon Center.

**Thomas Dine** is Senior Policy Advisor at the Israel Policy Forum and former Executive Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Israel's lobby group in the United States.

**Dalia Mogahed** is Executive Director of the Gallup Center for Muslim Studies, a nonpartisan research center dedicated to providing data-driven analysis on the views of Muslim populations around the world.

Dine and Mogahed will speak Friday, February 20, at noon at Saxbe Auditorium, Moritz College of Law. The event is free, but registration is required on the Mershon Center web site.



Dine



Mogahed